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Jail for man who attacked author

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A "SERIOUSLY disturbed" man who brutally attacked author James Runcie in Ely in broad daylight has been jailed.

Todd Germeney, 31, of West End Close, Witchford, was sentenced to 24 weeks in prison at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on Tuesday having previously pleaded guilty to the unprovoked assault – as well as to a number of other offences, including affray, causing harassment and possession of drugs.

Mr Runcie, 56, was walking across Cross Green to Ely Cathedral on Saturday, September 19 last year, when he was attacked by Germeney.

Mr Runcie, who is the son of Robert Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was in Ely to give a talk at the Friends of Ely Cathedral's AGM.

Delia Matthews, prosecuting, said: "The author James Runcie arrived by train to conduct a talk. He arrived early and they weren't ready for him so he went for a walk around Ely to do some research for a book he was writing.



ATTACKED: James Runcie

"He came to the grounds of Ely Cathedral and he noticed a man who walked right up to him."

The court heard that Germeney asked Mr Runcie if he had ever been in Coventry and asked what he was doing in Ely. Mr Runcie said he was a writer but Germeney demanded he proved it.

Mr Runcie said: "I could smell alcohol on him. I showed him my notebook, hoping that would prove it. The man said 'give me the book and



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"I'll give you £10." Germeney then became more aggressive and Mr Runcie told him to leave him alone.

"He started to run," said Mrs Matthews. "Unfortunately [Germeney] ran after him and started punching him on the head, knocking him over."

"He kicked and punched Mr Runcie, who had his hands over his face. Two men ran over to help. Mr Runcie's shirt and suit jacket were covered in blood."

In a statement, Mr Runcie said: "I feel frightened and have lost my confidence. I cannot go out on my own now and this is a real problem. Part of my work is visiting places to research my books. I will no longer be able to be as trusting as I once was."

Nick Barnes, mitigating, said that Germeney was a "seriously disturbed individual" who needed help.

He said: "Much of this disturbing behaviour is fuelled by alcohol. He is a very disturbed and troubled individual. He is suffering psychosis and is hearing voices."

Magistrates also ordered Germeney to pay £80 court costs.

Speaking to *Ely News* at the time, the Very Revd Mark Bonney, Dean of Ely, said: "We were shocked and upset to hear of this unprovoked assault on Cross Green.... It is a huge relief that help came quickly and the physical injuries were not more serious."

Cross Green is covered by a Designated Public Place Order (DPPPO) which gives police the power to move individuals on if they are drinking alcohol and being anti-social – and ban them from the area for a set time.

At the time of Mr Runcie's attack, a police spokesman said: "There is historically an increase in anti-social behaviour in the cathedral area during the summer months and it has been a priority for local officers."

"They have been patrolling in the area and a number of individuals have been dealt with under the DPPPO powers."

"We are also using other powers under anti-social behaviour legislation, including CRASBOs (criminal anti-social behaviour order), where necessary for repeat offenders."

"This work has resulted in a decrease in the number of incidents since the summer."

CRIME

Couple assaulted by armed robbers

AN elderly couple were robbed and assaulted by masked men in their own home.

Four men wearing balaclavas entered their property in Lark Hall Road, Fordham, at around 6.30pm on Friday, January 22.

They threatened the occupants, a man and woman in their 70s, before assaulting them and leaving the scene with jewellery and cash.

Police say the victims received minor injuries as a result of the incident, but have described the robbery as "harrowing".

A police spokesman said: "This was a harrowing ordeal for the victims who have been left extremely shaken by the experience."

"It is vital that the offenders are apprehended as soon as possible."

Police are keen to speak to anyone with information or who may have seen a vehicle entering the A142 Fordham Bypass between the Downfields roundabout and the Fordham Road roundabout shortly before 6.45pm that evening.

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Library could shut Sundays

ELY Library could soon be closed on Sundays.

The city's library, based in the Cloisters, is currently open from 12-4pm on Sundays but Cambridgeshire County Council is proposing to close the branch that day.

The move is being considered as part of the authority's plans to save money and a public consultation is now under way.

The plans do not currently include changing or reducing the opening hours for any other days – or the opening hours of any other libraries in East Cambridgeshire.

A statement on the consultation document says: "The county council is working to identify where front facing services will be offered in the coming years.

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"As part of this work, the library service wishes to maintain as many open hours across all of our libraries and minimise the impact of any reduction on library customers.

"We also have to consider the impact on partner services operating from libraries and minimise the adverse impact of any changes on income generated from libraries.

"In light of challenging targets, we intend to reduce opening hours at larger libraries where savings can realistically be made, thereby protecting the impact on smaller community libraries where opening hours are much shorter.

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"Ely Library has a number of partner services operating within the building. The proposed changes minimise the impact of reduced open times on these services and their customers.

"Our usage data also shows that there are only a relatively small number who currently use the library on a Sunday."

People have until February 15 to have their say.

Pop into Ely Library or visit cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library to fill out the survey.



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Flying Scotsman trips now sold out

PICTURE: Paul Kingston, North News and Pictures

TICKETS for the Flying Scotsman trip to Ely are now sold out.

The locomotive, which is in the closing phases of a massive £4.2m refurbishment, is travelling from London Victoria to Ely on Wednesday, May 25.

There is also a Flying Scotsman cream tea trip from Ely to Norwich on the same day.

Both events, which are being operated by Steam Dreams, have sold out.

A spokeswoman for Steam Dreams said: "Tickets for

both trips have now sadly sold out. People are welcome to join the waiting list but even that is now growing by the day."

The train is due to arrive in Ely on the day at 1pm.

Visit steamdreams.co.uk to find out more.

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COLLISION

Pedestrian injured in collision with car in Queen Adelaide

A WOMAN suffered facial injuries and a serious arm injury when she was involved in a collision with a car in Queen Adelaide.

The collision happened in Low Road, off Ely Road, at around 5.20pm last Thursday.

The incident involved a car and a woman pedestrian in her 60s.

Police and the East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EAST) attended the scene.

A spokesman for the EEST said: "The pedestrian, a woman in her 60s,

suffered facial injuries and a serious arm injury.

"We sent a rapid response vehicle and an ambulance to the scene. We were on scene within six minutes of receiving the call.

"The patient was in a stable

condition. She was conscious and breathing, and was taken to Addenbrooke's by land ambulance for further treatment.

"Her injuries were not believed to be life threatening." The driver of the car was uninjured.

Masks will help save pets' lives

PET-friendly oxygen masks are being trialled on Ely's fire engines.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has teamed up with national charity, Smokey Paws, which provides the four-legged friendly first aid equipment, to kit out six of its fire engines.

The trial has been led by firefighter Neil Hoskin, who said: "As a dog owner I appreciate how important pets are to people.

"This new kit means we can go just that bit further to help improve the chances of survival for a pet."

The kits are being trialled on fire engines from Ely, Cambridge, Huntingdon, St Neots, Kimbolton and Dogsthorpe.



ANIMAL LOVERS: Firefighter Neil Hoskin with 'Lexi' the husky and Brian Lockyer from 'Smokey Paws'. PICTURE: Warren Gunn

COMMUNITY

Parking issues 'are improving'

A POLICE crackdown on drivers who park irresponsibly and illegally outside schools in the Ely area is coming to an end – and officers say the issue is improving.

East Cambridgeshire Police launched a special two-week initiative on road safety at the district's schools on January 18.

PCSOs have been at different schools – both secondary and primary – unannounced each day at drop-off and pick up times – and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

The message to parents is that if they are caught parked outside school gates or irresponsibly near schools then they will be fined – and could even get points on their licence.

As of yesterday morning, 19 £30 fixed penalty notices had been issued since the campaign launched, and schools visited have included St Mary's Junior School and St John's Community Primary School in Ely, both of Littleport's primary schools, The Weatheralls Pri-

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mary School in Soham and Isleham Primary School.

Two Traffic Offence Reports (TOR) have also been issued – one for a driver who was parked on chevrons in breach of a prohibition, and the other for an allegation of driving without due care outside one of the schools.

Police say the TORs could result in a £100 fine and/or three points on the drivers' licences.

A spokesman for East Cambridgeshire Police said: "The PCSOs are responding to concerns with a mixture of guidance, words of advice and the issuing of fixed penalty notices.

"Overall we have been incredibly grateful for the positivity that has been shown towards us by members of the public, by parents and by teachers.

"As we have revisited schools we have seen an improvement in the situation, and this has been confirmed by the messages of support."

Liz Bassett, head at Ely St John's Primary, said: "I was pleased to see the PCSOs outside our school although they do come out whenever we ask them to.

"The issue that every school has is that the number of pupils is growing but there isn't any more space for parents to park, although I must say the majority of our parents are responsible."

Sgt Ryan Carter said: "Officers were instructed to operate with a degree of discretion around the issuing of penalty notices and we're very keen to see that this work serves a longer term purpose of making the roads around our schools safer for our children.

"What's more pleasing is the dialogue that this work has encouraged on social media and in the local press.

"It has made people more mindful of this issue."



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Drugs haul lands man, 43, in jail

A SOHAM man caught in possession of three different types of drugs has been jailed.

David Allum, 43, had 199.6g of cannabis on him when he was stopped by police in Cambridge on September 30 last year.

He was also in possession of 1.07g of cocaine and 0.127g of amphetamine.

Allum, of West Drive Gardens, pleaded guilty to possession of a Class B drug with intent to supply, possession of a Class A drug and possession of a Class B drug at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on December 29.

He reappeared before the bench on Friday for sentencing and was jailed for 26 weeks.

Allum was also ordered to pay an £80 victim surcharge.

Mexican vegan night

A POP-up vegan Mexican evening is being held in Ely on Friday.

Local business, Vegan Fabulous, is hosting the event at Samovar Tea House, in Forehill, from 7-10pm.

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Lack of light is 'dangerous'

ANNOYED: Lilian Painter, left, and Patricia Kreyer aren't happy with the removal of a streetlight outside their homes in Mulberry Way, Ely.



RESIDENTS say the removal of a streetlight outside their houses in Ely has made them feel insecure.

Balfour Beatty is removing and replacing streetlight columns in Mulberry Way, off Prickwillow Road, as part of its Living Places programme.

The company says that of the eight columns it is removing, seven are being replaced with upgraded models.

But the fact that one of the streetlights is being permanently removed has angered neighbours Lilian Painter and Patricia Kreyer.

Lilian, who is in her 70s, said: "I feel insecure in my own home now. The streetlight that has been removed was right outside my property so I notice a considerable difference without it there."

"It's pitch black - when I put my bins out at night I can't see a thing. Anyone could be lurking outside and I wouldn't be able to see them."

Lilian has also slammed the upgraded streetlights as

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"useless". She said: "The new lights do not throw out lighting over a wide area."

"The light between Birch Close and Aspen has been taken away which has left a completely black area both sides of the road."

"To walk down Mulberry Way is now a hazard and I wonder how long it will be before an accident occurs with someone tripping or falling?"

Patricia, 76, who lives opposite Lilian, said: "I certainly feel like I've lost an element of security."

"I've lived in my property for 11 years and one of the reasons I chose the property was because it had a streetlight opposite."

"It's very dark now and actually quite dangerous as Mulberry Way is not a straight road, there is a bend."

"We're constantly being told to be vigilant against crime and to be wary of who is knocking at our door, and

yet streetlights are being removed - it doesn't make sense."

"The streetlights that have been upgraded are worse than they were too - they don't give off nearly as much light."

A spokeswoman for Balfour Beatty said that where street lights are being upgraded in Cambridgeshire, 10 per cent of columns are being removed.

Addressing claims that the new lights are less effective, she said: "The new streetlights are designed to provide a stronger level of light, but where streetlights have been removed, some loss of light may be experienced in that area."

"When work has been completed in Mulberry Way, we will conduct a lighting check around the newly installed lights to ensure the emitted light is as per requirements. If not, we will increase the lighting level."



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CRIME

Officers attend 'poaching' incident

THREE men have been arrested on suspicion of hare coursing near Ely.

Police were called to Old Lynn Drove in Coveney on Saturday morning.

Speaking on the Policing East Cambridgeshire Facebook page, a spokesman

said: "Three men were caught on Old Lynn Drove by PCs Briggs and Rampley and were interviewed at the scene and reported for summons. All three men were from the Surrey area." PC Gerry Cronin, who also attended, said: "The

three men were found with their dogs and were dealt with promptly without any animals coming to harm."

"We want to reiterate that hare coursing is a blood sport and we have no tolerance of it in East Cambridgeshire."

He survived a bolt gun and the Christmas table... and now this brave turkey needs a forever home

IT was less turkey escape and more turkey escape for lucky Turkules.

Despite being shot in the head with a bolt gun and loaded on to a lorry with 15 tonnes of dead birds destined for the dinner table, heroic Turkules stunned farm staff when they discovered he was still alive.

The local farmer couldn't bring himself to cause the bird any more distress and kept him well fed over the Christmas period before handing him into Wood Green animal centre in Godmanchester.

Six-month-old Turkules, who loves affection, is now looking for his forever home.

Section manager Charlotte Ford said: "As a general rule we don't really have many calls about turkeys, but when we heard his heroic story we knew we just had to take him."

"We were amazed at how good he looks considering what he has been through. He's a really strong, healthy boy."

"He follows all the staff around the yard and he will eat out of your hand."

"All the staff have been to see him and the children who come to visit us love to see him as well."

Charlotte said: "We are still looking for a forever home for him with a turkey girlfriend or some turkey friends - he will need to go with other turkeys as he is so sociable."

If you can offer Turkules a home, call 0300 303 9333 or go to woodgreen.org.uk.



LUCKY ESCAPE: Turkules pictured with Wood Green animal shelter's marketing officer, Victoria Phan, above, and with Charlotte Ford, field re-homing section manager.

PICTURES: Warren Gunn

PLANNING

Store is told trolley park can remain

THE trolley shelter outside Ely's Iceland store will be allowed to stay, planners have ruled.

In November, bosses at Iceland Foods were forced to apply to East Cambridgeshire District Council for retrospective planning permission because they erected a new trolley shelter in the Cloisters shopping precinct without applying for planning permission beforehand.

The council has now approved the retrospective plans, meaning the store will not have to alter or remove the shelter.

Planning officer Jon Pavey-Smith said: "The main consideration when determining this application is the impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area, and the impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring properties."

"While not the most attractive piece of street furniture, it has been set back close to the store entrance in the recessed area between the entrance and the neighbouring property."

"The trolley shelter is relatively small in nature and will not fundamentally alter the character or appearance of the Iceland store or the wider conservation area."

CRIME

Bungled raid at train station

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RAIDERS used a welder in a bid to steal from a cash machine in Ely - but failed to get into the safe part of it.

Commuters arrived at the city's railway station last Thursday morning to discover police officers present and half of the ticket hall cordoned off.

The gang had ripped the cash machine from the stand - although police say the offenders did not manage to get into the safe part of it.

Cambridgeshire Police said they were called to the scene at around 5am. The incident is now being handled by the British Transport Police (BTP).

Jennie Stearn, from Little Downham, was among the surprised commuters.

She said: "I arrived at the station, as I do most mornings, not long after 7.45am, and couldn't believe it when I walked into the ticket office."

"There was a police cor-

RIPPED OUT: Thieves attempted to break into the cash machine at Ely rail station



don across half the ticket hall and then I saw what had happened.

"You certainly don't expect to see something like that happen in Ely."

Another resident, who did not want to be named, said: "I got a bit of a surprise when I saw what had happened."

"You hear of JCBs being used to tear cash machines out of walls but not of thieves trying to do it like they did in this incident - and then failing miserably."

A spokesman for BTP said: "We were called to Ely station shortly after 5am on January 21 to reports of a

break-in.

"Colleagues from Cambridgeshire Constabulary also attended and found the station had been accessed and an attempt made to break into a cash machine."

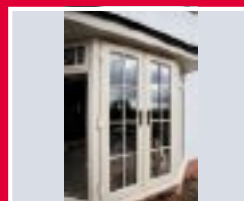
"Enquiries into the incident are ongoing."

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REGARDING the police crackdown on illegal and irresponsible parking outside schools: Great news that the police are upholding the law on our highways, it's about time there was zero tolerance with cars obstructing/parking on double yellow lines/pavements/corners etc for the safe passage of other vehicles and pedestrians alike in and around Ely. The schools are one area where irresponsible people park willy-nilly with no regard to fellow car users or pupils that use those roads/schools and pavements. Apart from the accidents it could cause, it basically teaches those children of irresponsible car parkers to be irresponsible of what is right or wrong. Well done police, and while we are on a clear-up mission, Northwold at the Downham Road junction is another area that is causing concern with cars and vans parking (obstructing) residents who use that road who are having to back out onto Downham Road. Parked vehicles are nose to tail for 50 yards from the corner of Downham Road!
**Alison Arnold
Fleetwood
Ely**

Comments were unjust

I WONDER what facts and data the parents quoted have to suggest 'the majority' of those parking live within walking distance of schools near High Barns. Likewise, what angry bias they hold to suggest laziness a cause? Seems like a biased article to me! I am one of the many who live a 45 minute walk from their school, and as I don't drive, work full time and patiently await the new school to be built, I spend over £30 per week on taxis (my child cannot walk that far twice a daily without impacting on his energy levels) and then commute for an hour to work, like many parents. Hardly lazy. Every parent who parks has a good reason for doing so and deserves a little more respect from the community publication in presenting a balanced view. A few parents have parked legally, or even walked past some residential areas, to face shouting and verbal abuse. I am pleased the police are (slow to) act and wonder where the alternative parking areas and advice is? While those who park illegally should face police action, is it fair, and is it helpful for people to point the finger? Perhaps your article should have been entitled 'Police get tough on



Chance for local boys to shine

BOYS currently in the Year 2 to Year 4 age group who enjoy singing are being given the chance to discover what life is like as an Ely Cathedral boy chorister. Ely's annual Be a Chorister for a Day event, organised by the cathedral and King's Ely, is on Saturday, February 6. Director of music at Ely Cathedral, Paul Trepte, said: "Being a chorister with Ely Cathedral and King's Ely is something very special. "We offer an experience that will stay

with them through life and, for some, it can be the beginning of a successful and fulfilling musical career."

Alongside daily rehearsals and services, Ely Cathedral Boys' Choir enjoys an exciting schedule of concerts, broadcasts, foreign tours and recordings.

The event on February 6 is free, although places need to be booked in advance by calling (01353) 660732 or emailing b.acfad@elycathedral.org.

those who break road law' and hold less of an emotive sway which will only fuel the fire of those who are have an agenda unrelated to child safety. The sooner the new site is ready the better!

Name and address withheld

Yellow lines would help

AS a resident of Camping Close, I can see first hand on a daily basis how parents park. They park more or less where they want. In a designated bus bay, half on the curb, half in the lay-by. Their cars park half on the road, the other half on the pavements. They also park on the road overlapping the slip road that leads to the community rooms so if you are coming out of that you cannot see either way. In the past emergency vehicles have had to go on the grass verge to get by. In Camping Close there are a lot of people with mobility issues. Why should they have to struggle to get past cars or cross the road? Sooner or later there will be an accident. Why don't the Highways Department and the police get together and sort out these school parking issues instead of saying it's a Highways issue, no it's a police issue. I am sure single or even double yellow lines may help the matter. Other schools in the area have got yellow lines, why not

Camping Close? The school teachers don't help matters, because they park all the way down Camping Close nearly up to the Community rooms and beyond.

**Name withheld
Camping Close
Haddenham**

I'm a second class pensioner

As a 77-year-old having 'paid in' all my working life (initially as an employee and then as a self-employed person) I have recently realised that I am soon to become a second-class basic state pensioner. I receive £115.95 per week at present. That amount will be increased by 2.5% to £119.30 per week in April through the effect of the so-called 'triple lock.' I am grateful for the 'triple lock.' But also in April, many of those who will be newly retired will receive the new 'flat-rate' basic state pension of £155.65 per week, i.e. £36.35 (£1,890 per annum) more than me and without their having 'paid in' for more years than me. This will be seen as unfair and unjust. The government should remedy this unfairness and injustice. It gets worse, however, for, as promised, the two different levels of basic state pension are to be increased by the 'triple lock' for the remainder of this Parliament. The difference, presently £36.35 per week, will grow and grow. As a very helpful Burwell couple have told me, it doesn't take a genius to see that if my basic state pension of £119.30 is increased by 2.5% and that of those on the new 'flat-rate' basic state pension of £155.65 is also increased by 2.5%, the latter will do much better than me. I now reckon that by 2021, if I live, I shall have become a third-class basic state pensioner. It's not good enough. The new

pensions minister, the 'noble' Baroness Altmann, must fix it for me – and for many millions of others. Please sign my Pensions Petition to Parliament - <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/107661>
**Geoffrey Woollard
St Andrew's Park
Soham**

Please throw this plan out

Copy of a letter sent to Chief Planning Officer, Mr Andrew Phillips, East Cambs District Council: I HAVE read most of the material produced for this application as published in the local press, and I have several objections to make: First: I understand that the District Council has applied to itself for planning permission to build 11 dwellings on the Barton Road frontage, a procedure which, even if there is precedent, is undemocratic, and in view of much opposition expressed already, wrong in this case particularly. Second: much of what is very reasonable objection to this project is understandably focused on the site in Barton Road but does not sufficiently consider the impact of what would be a permanent loss of this very important asset to Ely's parking provision and damage to the traffic flow through the city. Coach parking would be removed from Barton Road and the resulting congestion approaching the traffic lights at the High St, Minster Square, Lynn Road and, further on, Nutholt Lane, Egremont St and Lynn Road, and Newnham St cross roads would, as coaches arrive and later collect their passengers, be far worse than it is already. Delivery lorries servicing the major shops of Ely and local buses already crowd these junctions far more than even a few years ago.

Letters of the month

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Third: Market Street, where it is proposed that passengers should alight, is already far too crowded by necessary central bus stops, taxis and delivery traffic to accommodate the proposed alternative drop for coaches.

Someone has unwisely thought up this scheme to gain approval for East Cambs' efforts to build more homes on a 'brownfield site', but, once lost, this one would prove that it was a necessary provision which can never be replaced and will deter many visitors who have brought us prosperity and goodwill. So I ask that it be rejected on wise reflection and that due notice to the public should be given of any plans to discuss it further.

(Mrs) Gillian Turberfield
Barton Mews
Ely

Carry on councillors!

I WOULD like to congratulate Mr Hunt and his colleagues on the District Council for at last adopting a business-like and entrepreneurial attitude in managing the council's assets – our assets!

For decades, many of the council's property holdings and other assets have sat locked up in filing cabinets unused and unrealised and if ever they did see the light of day they would often be transferred to other local or central government institutions on non-commercial terms or sold off without first having realised their full market potential. Local authorities certainly have a duty to preserve infrastructure assets for the good of the community but this demands a balanced approach and, subject to proper scrutiny by planners, the decision whether to keep a few coach parking spaces off Barton Road or to put a couple of million pounds into the community pot seems a no brainer to me. Carry on councillors and keep looking through those filing cabinets for other opportunities!

Adam Lines
Cambridge Road
Ely

I can't believe they're doing it

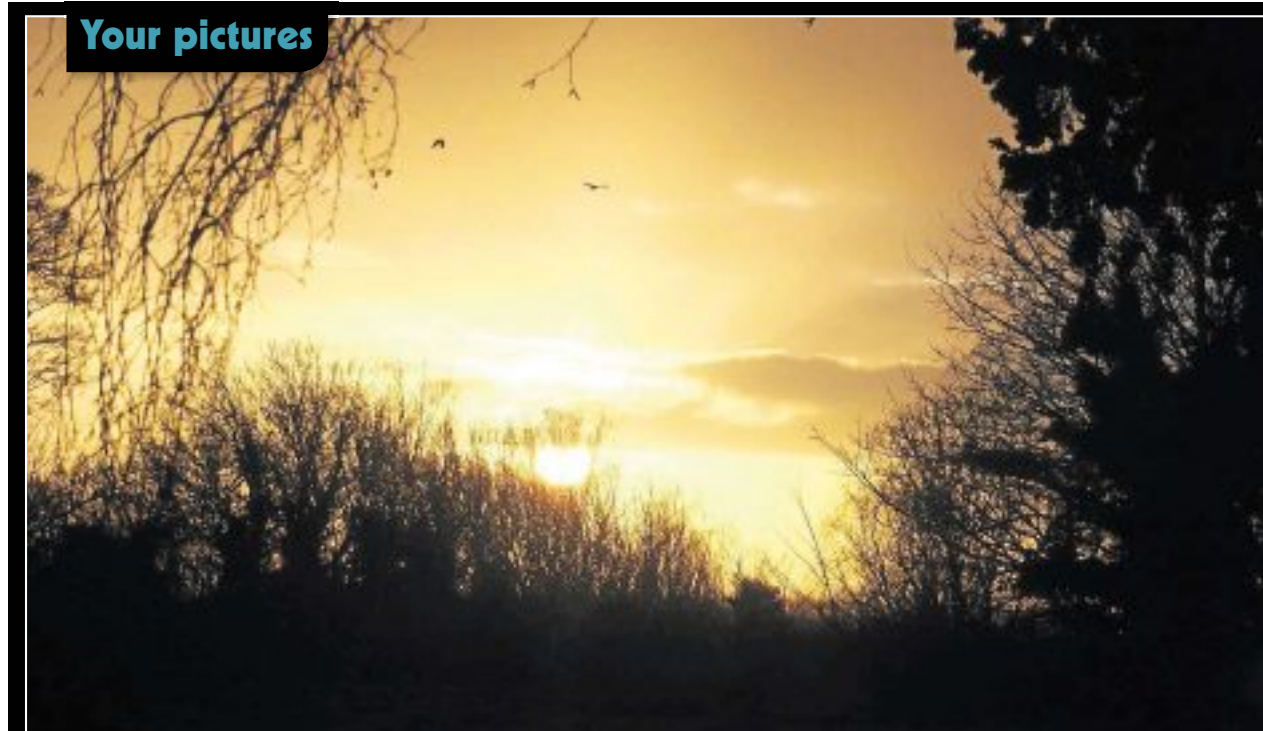
I FIND it unbelievable that this is happening across the whole country – not just ECDC.

The full council have approved the creation of the Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) with a man as chairman who sounds as though he has operated professionally at a far higher level than is required at the sharp end of a small development company.

Or does this mean there are several tiers of 'management' below him? Probably so.

Is the decision to create an LATC mandated to the district councillors without any public consultation? The potential for financial loss is enormous.

Dr Remington says "...the establishment of the company will also help to create a more confident, competent, commercially astute internal staff, used to making more



Your pictures



SUNRISE: Sue Bell sent us these two, above, taken from her bedroom window in Stretham. And Lorraine Betson sent us her photo of the morning sky in Soham, left.

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financial decisions and analysing risks, which will add to the overall effectiveness and capabilities of the council in fulfilling their roles". Oh so we have a learning curve to pay for too.

Name and address withheld

We're working together

ANDREW Cohen, Green Candidate at the last Sutton election in May 2015, will not stand in the 2016 by-

election. We did this to give the Lib Dems a fair chance of unseating the Tory candidate. In the 2015 election locally the Tories got 45% of the vote and nearly 90% of the seats: 36 out of 39, despite a majority of voters voting for other parties! This is unhealthy for our democracy.

We want seats on councils to fairly reflect the share of votes in all elections, local, regional and national. So, at local level we kickstarted the beginnings of the centre & left Progressive Alliance.

We did some leg work on mapping

party manifesto and policy overlaps in health, social housing, social and economic inclusion; economic growth and green living, and found Labour, Lib Dems and Greens had much in common.

Andy Shaw got the parties together. It is slow progress, with our regional and national parties looking over our shoulders. But we are looking at developing a local forum where we can highlight and work together on local issues, such as health, housing, economic growth and sustainable development. We are looking for a local campaign focus and holding joint open meetings on local issues,

such as the redevelopment of the Paradise Leisure Centre.

The EU referendum when it comes in 2016 or 17 might see the local sharing & pooling of resources and activities of Labourites, Lib Dems & Greens to stay in the EU, for our common good!

Andy Cogan, co-ordinator East Cambs Green Party
Andy Cohen, Green Party Candidate, Sutton
Ant Browne, treasurer East Cambs Green Party
Andy Shaw, bh East Cambs Progressive Alliance co-ordinator

COMMUNITY

Mysterious dance of the Fens brightens up winter

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MOLLY dancers from across the region – and some from further afield – strutted their stuff in the Ely area on Saturday.

A total of nine Molly sides took part in the annual Mark Jones Day of Dance, which is organised by the Ouse Washes Molly Dancers in memory of Mark Jones, a former member of their side who was killed in a road accident in 2004.

The dancers started off outside the Cutter Inn in Ely before moving on to Little Downham where they performed at both The Plough and The Anchor.

The sides, which included dancers from Kent and Bournemouth, as well as local sides such as the Mepal Molly Men, then performed at the Five Miles From Anywhere No Hurry Inn in Upware.

To find out more about Molly dancing and the event, go to ousewashesmolly.uk.



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ALL TOGETHER NOW: Molly dancers in the Ely area on Saturday Pictures: Warren Gunn



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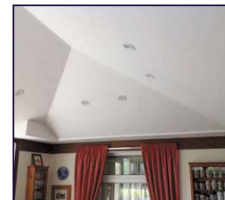
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FAMOUS FIVE: James Mitchell, Rosamond van Wingerden, Hongye Guo, Phoebe Ryan and Thomas Bruce have all secured places at either Cambridge or Oxford Universities.

King's students are off to Oxbridge

FIVE King's Ely students have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

From Oxford, Rosamond van Wingerden has been offered an unconditional place to read Classics and Oriental Studies at Oriel, and Thomas Bruce has received an offer from Keble

to read Computer Science. From Cambridge, Phoebe Ryan has secured an offer from Murray Edwards to read Theology, Philosophy and RS, and has also received an unconditional place from the New College of Humanities in London, where she has been offered

the prestigious Grayling Scholarship.

James Mitchell has been awarded an organ scholarship and a conditional place to study Music at Girton, and Hongye Guo has secured a place at Queens' to study Natural Sciences.

CHILDREN

Calling all little writers!

CHILDREN from across the Ely area can win prizes by letting their imagination run wild.

Ely 501, the creative writing challenge for children in East Cambridgeshire, is back for 2016 – and organisers want this year's stories to be even better than last year's.

The competition is the brainchild of Annabel Reddick, owner of Burrows Bookshop, and David Learner, of Mr Simms Olde Sweete Shoppe in Ely.

Named Ely 501 in reference to the maximum word limit, the contest is open to all children up to the age of 13.

Annabel said: "Last year's competition was truly amazing. Well over 70 entries were received and the standard couldn't have been higher.

"Dragons and werewolves, rockets and pirates, they all appeared in a wide variety of fantastical tales, making judging an almost impossibly hard task."

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The chair of the judges is acclaimed children's novelist, Julian Sedgwick, whose Mysterium books have grown rapidly in popularity.

He said: "I'm hoping to read stories that contain sentences that make me smile, that express a thought simply and elegantly, that surprise, that introduce a character in a few neat strokes, that send a chill down the spine or that make me think.

"And I hope to read a story or two that makes me sigh and say 'I wish I'd written that!'"

In common with Sherlock himself, Ely 501 now has a younger brother – Ely 50Crime – and entrants are invited to choose either category. The word count for Ely 50Crime is 501 words too.

Julian said: "I love detective stories and have read series set everywhere from

ancient China to Victorian London to modern day Arizona. Their attraction lies in the simplicity of the set up – something terrible has happened and we need to know who did it, and just as importantly – why.

"That's a very compelling story hook, and coupled with our desire for justice, makes for powerful stories."

Entries are being taken now and entry forms can be obtained from either Burrows Bookshop, in High Street Passage, or Mr Simms, in High Street. Entries need to be returned by March 25.

A prizegiving ceremony will be held at St Mary's Church on Saturday, July 2 where the winners will also see their work published in a specially commissioned book which will be available at Burrows. Call (01353) 669759 to find out more.



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BROADBAND

Fast broadband in 24,000 homes

CAMBRIDGESHIRE has been dubbed a "leading digital county" as its take-up of superfast broadband is among the highest in the country.

The roll-out of high-speed fibre broadband in the county is now reaching close to 100,000 homes and businesses which could not access it before, meaning the county's take-up of fibre broadband is nearly 30 per cent – among the highest in the UK.

The Connecting Cambridgeshire programme, led by Cambridgeshire County Council, has successfully completed the multi-million first phase of the broadband roll-out – and says just under 24,000 homes and businesses in East Cambridgeshire now have access to superfast broadband.

A spokeswoman for the programme said that approximately 60 premises where fibre delivery has been delayed from December 31 are due to be connected by March 2016.

She said: "Connecting

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Cambridgeshire is using additional Government funding to extend the roll-out to improve broadband coverage and speeds during follow-on phases in 2016-2017.

"The programme is working with BT and Openreach to find the best solutions to connect as many places as possible with fibre, and will announce further details shortly.

"We are aware there is more work to do to connect some areas that are harder to reach, or where there are speed, coverage or ordering and capacity issues including Burwell, Cheveley, Ely, Littleport, Little Downham, Prickwillow, Reach, Soham, and Stuntney. "Updates will be posted on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website and we will keep parishes and residents informed."

Digital Minister Ed Vaizey

has praised the programme for the work carried out so far. He said: "The Government's rollout of superfast broadband is making tremendous progress, and with one of the highest take-up rates in the UK, Cambridgeshire is a leading digital county.

"We've already reached an additional 3.5 million UK homes and businesses, almost 100,000 in Cambridgeshire alone, and the Connecting Cambridgeshire project will reach another 6,000 premises in the next phase of our plan."

The next two years will see the programme reaching some of Cambridgeshire's most challenging rural areas with other technologies, such as wireless and satellite.

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NEW LOOK: Refurbishment manager Charlie Newman and barista maestro Laurel Prior.

PICTURE: Richard Patterson

Costa refurb in time for anniversary

COSTA in Ely has undergone a major refurb.

The branch, in Market Street, has been given a fresh new look to celebrate its upcoming 10th anniversary in the city.

Andy Armit, area manager for Costa, said: "Costa branches are given a re-fit either every five or ten years.

"The Ely branch opened in May 2006 so we've given it a full re-fit to celebrate the fact its 10th birthday is just around the corner.

"A lot of money has been spent on the refurb and it's paid off – it looks clean, bright, shiny and state-of-the-art.

"We've even managed to increase the amount of seating, and the feedback we've received from customers has all been really positive."

The refurb took around a fortnight to complete and although the branch stayed open while the majority of the work was carried out, it officially re-launched on Friday.

Andy said: "We thought the refurb would take around a month to complete so we're really chuffed it only took around two weeks.

"More good news is that we're also looking to take on more staff soon."

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CRIME

You can help reduce crime

POLICE are encouraging residents to get involved with their local Neighbourhood Watch.

Policing East Cambridgeshire says the scheme has a "great track record nationally and is closely linked to areas that are more resistant to burglary and vehicle crime".

Sue Loaker, crime reduction officer for East Cambs, said: "We strongly support the good work that Neighbourhood Watch undertake to help keep our communities safe."

"There are a total of 151 schemes throughout East Cambridgeshire, however some of the parishes are poorly covered and several fail to have any active schemes."

Sue said: "Neighbourhood Watch is a scheme set up in a street or in some cases an entire village. The aim is to reduce crime and to address other community issues."

"Each scheme member

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is asked to keep a watchful eye on any suspicious activity and report this to other neighbours and where necessary, the police.

"These volunteers receive updates from the police via the alert system and in turn are expected to pass this message onto scheme members in an effort to keep you up to date with what is happening in your area."

Kevin Evans, secretary of the East Cambs Neighbourhood Watch Association, says Neighbourhood Watch is "filling the gap" as cuts continue to be made to local policing and authority services.

He said: "We are in a period of cuts which is resulting in a reduction of staff within the police and local authority support services."

"It may not be admitted by the authorities but reduced

staff numbers invariably result in a reduced service. Neighbourhood Watch is in some way filling the gap."

"Neighbourhood Watch was established to work with the local police force to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and also the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour."

"This support to the police force is as important now as it ever was. The police need the support of residents if crime and disorder in Ely is to be contained, and even more so, if it is to be reduced."

"In addition to supporting the police, Neighbourhood Watch is there to encourage neighbourliness and improve the quality of life for local residents and tenants."

To find out more, call (01353) 614892.



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Steve's big plans for village pub

THE Traveller's Rest in Chittering has a new manager.

Steve Shipp, from Ely, is now running the pub/restaurant, and says he aims to soon stock the widest selection of ales, beers and ciders in Cambridgeshire.

Steve, 25, said: "We're now holding a fish and chip night on a Tuesday, a steak night on a Thursday, a buffet breakfast on a Saturday and a carvery on a Sunday afternoon."

"We'll also be holding regular band nights and comedy nights, and we're installing a pool table and dart board."

A free re-launch party with a singer, disco and buffet is being held on Friday, February 5 at

NEW ROLE: Steve Shipp is the new manager of the Traveller's Rest in Chittering.
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Estate's £1m makeover will help reduce bills

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WORK has been completed on a £1 million refurbishment of over 100 properties in Ely.

The 121 properties in New Barns Avenue, a Sanctuary Group-owned social housing development, have received a large range of exterior insulation works to improve the look and efficiency of the homes.

Sanctuary joined forces with Thrift Energy to carry out a large solid-wall insulation programme designed to improve the properties, both aesthetically and economically.

Mark Ashburn, senior asset services surveyor for Sanctuary, said: "We are delighted with the result of these works and how the new, fresher look has changed the overall feel of the estate."

"The changes made to these homes at New Barns Avenue are part of our on-going commitment to create environmental value, by investing in the improvement of our existing properties."

"By focusing on insulation measures we help cut residents' fuel bills

NEW LOOK: Over 100 homes on New Barns Avenue, Ely, have benefited from the programme.

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whilst reducing carbon emissions and providing affordable warmth."

The programme of improvements began with structural works in preparation for the fitting of external wall insulation, following which the properties were given a colour rendered finish to brighten up their look.

A number of boilers have also been replaced or upgraded with

energy efficient models in properties to help further reduce bills, and loft insulation has also been topped up as required.

The works are expected to help create potential savings of up to £460 per annum on residents' fuel bills and a reduction of 1,900kg in carbon dioxide emissions for a

typical semi-detached property on the estate.

The refurbishment was funded by Sanctuary, and was fully supported by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

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DEVELOPMENT

Firm appeals for local contractors

MCCARTHY and Stone – the firm set to build dozens of new retirement apartments in Ely – is appealing for more local sub-contractors.

The company says it needs more sub-contractors in Cambridgeshire to help meet its ambitious plans for growth.

Mark Wright, regional managing director for the firm, said: "Our commitment to sourcing sub-contractors from the local work pool will provide a welcome boost to the community, and the importance of employing local workforces cannot be underestimated."

"We'd like to hear from sole traders right the way through to larger companies who can provide trade services for the domestic building sector, and are urgently looking to supplement our existing sub-contractor base through a full range of disciplines."

Last autumn, the firm secured permission to build 57 retirement apartments on land where G&J Peck is in Ely's Lisle Lane.

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TICKLED PINK: Mum-of-two Lucy Acred, from Little Downham, is taking part in this year's MoonWalk London event in aid of breast cancer research.

Lucy's walk for charity

BEEKEEPER and vintage enthusiast Lucy Acred is putting her best foot forward for breast cancer research.

Lucy, 44, from Little Downham, has signed up for this year's MoonWalk London.

The challenge will see her joining thousands of others on a 26.2 mile walk around the capital on the night of May 14.

And, as ever, the fundraisers will be wearing their brightly coloured bras to help raise extra awareness.

Lucy, who lives with her husband, Kevin and sons Rory, 15, and Dan, 11, said: "I did the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride on my lovely pink scooter last year, which raised money for research into prostate cancer.

"This year I decided I wanted to do something to raise funds for breast cancer research so I signed up for the MoonWalk London.

"You can either walk 13.1 miles or 26.2 miles and I've decided to go for the full marathon distance.

"I've done quite a lot of fundraising for charity over the years but I've never really done any-

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thing like this before.

"Training is going well. I'm walking up to 15 miles now so fingers crossed everything will be fine on the night."

People who sign up for the MoonWalk are sent a bra which they can customise and wear on the night.

Lucy, who used to work in the wine department at Ely's Waitrose store, said: "I'm getting the shop Sew Much To Do in Ely to help me customise my bra.

"My aunt died of breast cancer and a lot of my friends have had it, and thankfully survived.

"There aren't many people out there who either haven't sadly had cancer themselves or know someone who has had it, which is why I think this is such an important cause.

"If I could raise £1,000 that would be brilliant but I just want to raise as much as I can."

To sponsor Lucy, go to moonwalklondon2016.everydayhero.com/uk/lucy-19#.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Plans for new homes

TWO new homes look set to be built in the village of Wentworth.

Mr D Stanway, of Main Street, has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to erect two four-bedroom bungalows, and a new access, on land where he lives.

A decision is expected within eight weeks.

To have your say, go to eastcamb.gov.uk and search planning reference 15/01567/FUL.

Car crashes into tree and then catches fire



A MINI caught fire after it crashed into a tree – and miraculously the driver escaped with just bruising.

The collision happened in Ely Road, Littleport – close to Pypers Hill Farm – at around 3.30pm last Wednesday.

PC Gerry Cronin said: "It's difficult to believe that someone can walk away with just bruising from a collision like that."

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To find out more about the Accumulator Challenge 2016, email aisha.hunt@arhc.org.uk.

Smiles as swan goes back where it belongs



A SWAN has been released back into the wild after being nursed back to health.

The female Whooper swan, pictured, was found along the road to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust in Welney in December and was unable to fly.

The swan was taken into RSPCA care and treated, and has now been released at Welney.

FUNDRAISING

80th birthday skydive for daredevil Margaret!



GUTSY GRANNY: Margaret Missin, 79, is doing her charity skydive in June with her granddaughter Sophie Adams.

MOST people would be planning a family tea party or perhaps a day out with friends to celebrate their 80th birthday – but not Margaret Missin.

Great-grandmother Margaret, from Little Downham, has decided to mark the milestone on June 8 by leaping 10,000ft out of a plane.

Margaret's main reason for choosing to do the skydive is to raise funds for research into dementia.

It's a charity close to her heart as her husband, Brian, 82, has been suffering with the illness for around five years.

Margaret, who has three children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, said: "Dementia is a cruel, cruel illness."

"Brian has had it for around five years now and it's been heartbreaking for the whole family."

"I cared for him at home for the first few years but he's now in a home in Cambridge as things got really difficult."

"I visit him nearly everyday and if there's a day that I can't make it then one of my children

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go instead.

"We know he doesn't know who we are now, which is really tough, but we still like to see him and be with him."

One of Margaret's granddaughters, Sophie Adams, 29, also from Little Downham, is joining her on the skydive, and together they hope to raise £5,000.

Margaret said: "A few years ago when Brian and I were on holiday I saw people parachuting and I really wanted to do it."

"He said no way but I suppose it's something I've always wanted to try."

"I'm not nervous for the skydive at all, I'm actually quite excited."

"Yes I might be getting on a bit now but you can't let your age stop you doing things you want to do, especially when you can raise money for such an important cause at the same time."

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■ 2014 Hungarian drama film, *White God*, being screened at the Babylon Gallery on Friday at 7pm. Email allisonmorris265@btinternet.com.

■ Ancient-people themed family activity day at Ely Museum on Saturday from 10.30am-3pm. Call (01353) 666655.

■ New meditation course starting at Ely Library on Saturday from 10.30am-1pm. £15 booking fee required. Call (01733) 755444.

■ Ely and District branch of the U3A meeting at the Countess Free Church on Tuesday, February 2 at 2.30pm. Visit u3asites.org/ely.

■ Booker Prize winning author Julian Barnes talking about his new book, *The Noise of Time*, at St Mary's

Church on Thursday, February 4 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8. Call (01353) 645005.

■ Barbara Collins hosting the City of Ely Flower Club's demonstration at Ely College on Thursday, February 4. Entitled *Oriental Moments*, it starts at 7.15pm. Call (01353) 610436.

■ St Mary's Church launching a new Puzzling Questions seven-week course on February 9. Course will meet at Costa Coffee every Tuesday. Email sophie.young@stmarysely.org.

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GRATEFUL: John Smith, from the Ely Community Service Committee, left, receives their donation from Jonathan Kingston, director of music at King's Ely

Ely concert raises a record £1,626

KING'S Ely's annual fundraising concert has raised a record-breaking £1,626 for charity.

The money raised from the concert, which

featured over 60 talented musicians, has been divided equally between children's charity UNICEF and the Ely Community Service Committee (ECSC), which

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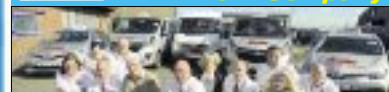
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CN Seeds win grant

CN Seeds Ltd are set to boost their overseas growth thanks to a grant from the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). Based in Pymoor, the company is a specialist grower of herb and baby-leaf seeds, supplying seeds to the horticultural industry worldwide.

Having identified the need to produce plants that are tolerant to diseases, CN Seeds will build a state-of-the-art testing facility to grow the business and boost its sales and exporting potential.

To support this growth, the Eastern Agri-Tech Initiative, run by the LEP, has provided the firm with a grant of £60,000.

The new facility will link CN Seeds' previous grant from the Eastern Agri-Tech Growth Initiative that allowed them to develop new varieties of rocket.

They can now develop this work further by not only testing for native diseases, but also for strains of

overseas diseases on site, allowing CN Seeds to compete in a globally competitive market.

Mark Hodgkinson, from CN Seeds, said: "We are very thankful to the Eastern Agri-tech board for offering their support to our business for a second time."

"With tighter restrictions being enforced on pesticide application, as a means of combating disease within the baby leaf sector, there is now greater global market demand for breeders to develop plants with inherent disease tolerance."

"The new disease screening facility will put CN Seeds at the forefront of this race and enable the business to increase its market share globally."

Grants are available to organisations looking to invest in specialist equipment, new market and supply chain development, and ways to improve productivity and efficiency.

Visit agritechgrants.co.uk.



WINNER: John Boutwood, centre, with son, Oliver, left, MP Lucy Frazer and Austen Dack.

John scoops prestigious award

JOHN Boutwood – the managing director of Isle of Ely Produce – has won a national award.

John scooped the Award for Outstanding Achievement at this year's National Fish and Chip Awards, organised by Seafish.

The prestigious ceremony was hosted

by the voice of food and drink on BBC Radio 2, Nigel Barden, at the Lancaster London Hotel in London.

Over 40 years ago, John started out his business by selling potatoes to the trade. Despite a horrific car crash which confined him to a wheelchair for life, John battled through

over a year's treatment in Stoke Mandeville to restart his business.

Between John and his son, Oliver, and daughter, Claire, they now distribute over two million bags of potatoes to fish and chip shops across the UK every year many of which are grown in the fens.

Visit isleofely.co.uk.

Try out Qnergy CHP

ECO Installer are adding Qnergy micro CHP (Combined Heat and Power) to their portfolio.

The Sutton-based firm, which specialises in installing and supplying traditional and renewable heating systems, says this new form of technology, developed by Israeli company Qnergy and manufactured at its engineering site in Utah, USA, is unique in that it cleverly generates heat and electricity simultaneously from the same energy source, and is powered by gas or LPG.

The new product is now in testing phase and will be released to market later this year.

Roly Gurner, Eco Installer's managing director, said: "We are extremely pleased to be given the opportunity to test this new innovative product."

The firm is now seeking sites with an interest in testing Qnergy micro CHP. Visit ecoinstaller.net.

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£289,000



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- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite
- 3 reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- Garden and parking
- EPC Rating C

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Cover property

Soham: £235,000

THIS four bedroom semi-detached townhouse in Dobede Way, Soham, is on the market for £235,000. It has accommodation comprising an entrance hall, a downstairs cloakroom, a lounge with French doors to the rear and a kitchen/breakfast room on the ground floor.

On the first floor is a family bathroom and two bedrooms, while on the second floor is the master bedroom with en suite shower room and a further bedroom.

Outside is a rear garden with decked area and lawn, a garage and additional allocated parking space.

For more information contact Peter Michael on (01353) 725400.



Property news



Now is best time to sell a property, according to local agent

IT'S a great time to sell your home, according to local estate agency William H Brown in Ely which has seen increased demand from buyers since the start of the new year.

As part of its national network, Sequence, William H Brown has recently recorded nine buyers for each new property coming on to the market. There is also a sense of urgency from buy-to-let investors looking to beat the stamp duty tax surcharge which comes into effect from April. Demand continues to outweigh supply and William H Brown suggests sellers should place their homes on the market now to take advantage of this.

"The new year is typically a time when people start making plans for the future which can include looking for a new home plus, with

the pending buy-to-let stamp duty changes coming in soon, this has certainly added to the boost in recent buyer activity," says Scott Stewart, branch manager at William H Brown.

"It definitely is a seller's market now and I would urge anyone looking to move to get their property on the market while there is heightened buyer interest, ahead of the usual spring rush," continues Scott. "We're the experts at selling houses so get in touch to see how we can assist with your property needs and reach the best price for your home."

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£375,000



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MEPAL

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NEW



LITTLEPORT
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NEW



STRETHAM
£235,000
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NEW



HADDENHAM
£190,000
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Soham £725 pcm



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- ☐ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ☐ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ☐ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ☐ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ☐ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ☐ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ☐ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

2

Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ☐ Employer
- ☐ Inland revenue
- ☐ Local council
- ☐ Banks or Building Societies
- ☐ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ☐ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ☐ Insurance companies
- ☐ Land / mobile phones
- ☐ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ☐ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ☐ DVLA
- ☐ Veterinary surgery
- ☐ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ☐ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ☐ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have your arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?

- ☐ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.

- ☐ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.

- ☐ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2-1 DAYS TO GO:

- ☐ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.

- ☐ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.

- ☐ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.

- ☐ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.

- ☐ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ☐ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ☐ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ☐ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ☐ Turn off electric appliances.
- ☐ Disconnect cooker.
- ☐ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ☐ Turn off water.
- ☐ Read gas meter.
- ☐ Read electricity meter.
- ☐ Secure all windows.
- ☐ Lock all doors.
- ☐ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ☐ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ☐ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ☐ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ☐ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ☐ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ☐ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ☐ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 EPC D, 91 sq m



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0 bedrooms, 0 bathrooms, 0 EPC 0, 131 sq m



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A stylish and much improved three bedroom mid terrace townhouse situated on an established development and ideal for a first time or investment buyer.

3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 EPC C, 80 sq m



COVENEY

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3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 EPC F, 151 sq m



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A beautifully presented four bedroom family home situated off a private road in this highly sought after development overlooking parkland to the front.

128 sq m



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LITTLEPORT

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4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 EPC D



Ely

A two bedroom mid terrace character cottage close to the City centre with off street parking and gardens.

2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 EPC D, 62 sq m



ELY £1,000 pcm

An end of terrace three storey townhouse with adjacent driveway and garage.

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NEW



Ely

£425,000

Situated in a highly regarded central city location, this 3 storey townhouse offers versatile living accommodation which includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, snug/dining room, first floor lounge, bedroom and bathroom, 2nd floor master bedroom with ensuite, 2 further bedrooms and bathroom. The property also has cart lodge parking and enclosed garden. EPR D.

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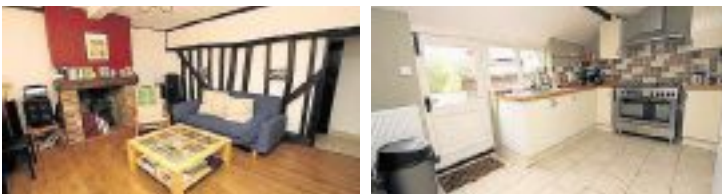


Littleport

GUIDE PRICE £695,000

A rare opportunity to purchase an imposing 5 bedroom detached residence within a short walk from the mainline railway station, believed to date back to the 1700's with a substantial Victorian extension & in a superb mature plot of approx 1/2 an acre (sts) with yard, double and single garages and converted barn ideally suited for those wishing to work from home. EPR TBC.

NEW PRICE



Soham

£265,000

A superbly presented and imposing detached residence which offers a blend of both character and contemporary features and comprises entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, modern kitchen, study/bedroom 4, ground floor bathroom, spacious first floor landing, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and enclosed private rear garden. Centrally located. EPR D.

NEW



Soham

£260,000

An individual detached cottage with accommodation briefly comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR E.

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NEW PRICE**Haddenham****Guide Price £275,000**

An individual period property in need of modernisation & renovation in the heart of this popular village. Currently split into 2 separate residents with potential to offer a substantial family home, annexe facility or additional rental income. Currently 3 reception rooms, 2 kitchens, 2 bathrooms, 4 bedrooms, workshop, garage with office above, parking, enclosed garden. Rare opportunity. MAIN HOUSE EPR C/FLAT EPR E

NEW PRICE**Littleport****£259,995**

A rarely available detached bungalow on a modern residential development. Entrance hall, kitchen, lounge / dining room, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), bathroom, garden, single garage. The property benefits from solar panels, gas central heating and double glazing. Viewing of the only bungalow on the development is highly recommended. EPR B.

NEW**Sutton****£189,950**

A 2 bedroom detached bungalow situated within a highly regarded cul-de-sac location close to the village centre with shop, doctors etc. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage. The property is offered for sale with no upward chain. EPR TBC.

NEW**Prickwillow****£269,950**

A modern detached house in a non estate location in the popular hamlet of Prickwillow. Entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen / dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, single integral garage, driveway and gardens. The property also benefits from double glazing and central heating. EPR D.

NEW**Ely****£325,000**

A link detached property situated in a prime city centre location within walking distance of the popular waterside area, city amenities and mainline train station. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge / dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, single garage set on a generous plot. No upward chain, viewing recommended. EPR D.

NEW**Witcham Gravel****£280,000**

A detached house (circa 2001) situated in a rural location adjacent to the New Bedford River. Ideally located for those seeking a rural living, accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, kitchen / dining room, lounge, study, utility room, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, gardens. EPR D.

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Prickwillow **£175,000**

A spacious semi-detached property benefitting from far reaching countryside views with accommodation comprising entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, bathroom, 3 bedrooms, driveway, single garage, attractive rear gardens. No upward chain. EPR F.



Sutton **£255,000**

A detached bungalow in a highly regarded location, comprehensively refurbished by the current owners. Entrance hall, spacious lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, refitted bathroom, private gardens, driveway and double garage. Also gas central heating with modern boiler & replaced upvc double glazing. No upward chain. EPR D.



Sutton **£275,000**

Established semi detached house (circa 1910) in a semi rural location with outstanding country views with versatile accommodation & enormous potential. Entrance hall, kitchen/dining room, ground floor bathroom & W.C., lounge, dining room, family room, 4 ff bedrooms & bathroom, single garage, parking & gardens (approx 1/4 of an acre (sts). EPR TBC.



Littleport **£325,000**

A spacious, non estate detached property comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, 22' lounge, separate dining room, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, together with large frontage providing ample off road parking, single garage and approximately 170' rear garden with views over open countryside. EPR D.



Soham **£339,950**

Situated in a convenient location close to the many Soham amenities and schools, this superbly presented Grade II Listed house has accommodation which includes kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room, study/play room, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating. EPC N/R.



Soham **£405,000**

A stylish contemporary home in a non estate location within easy reach of the many amenities of Soham. Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, garden room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite), family bathroom, garage, parking & gardens. No upward chain. EPR B.



Wicken **£495,000**

Superbly presented detached modern home in a secluded highly desirable location. Hall, shower room, dining room, 25' lounge, kitchen, utility, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, off road parking & attractive rear garden. Viewing essential to fully appreciate the high specification throughout and countryside views. EPR C.



Stretham **£650,000**

An established detached home (circa 1930 - extended in 2012), offering versatile accommodation with a wealth of character. Entrance hallway, lounge, separate dining room, snug/family room, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, double garage, parking and gardens extending to approximately 1 acre (STS). EPR F.



Little Thetford **£1,500,000**

Substantial detached residence set in landscaped grounds of approx 2.5 acres. Reception hall, drawing room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, sitting room, study, garden room, annexe area with kitchenette, breakfast room, utility, first floor 6 bedrooms (2 ensuite), dressing area, bathroom, office. There is also has a pool complex & quadruple garage. EPR D.

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Ely **£900 pcm**
Modern three bed(1 en-suite) detached house. Property has an enclosed rear garden and garage. EPC: D



Ely **£900 pcm**
Three bedroom(1 en-suite) semi detached house which is newly decorated throughout. EPC:C



Ely **£975 pcm**
Beautifully presented three bedroom(1 en-suite) cottage with a courtyard garden and parking. EPC:C



Ely **£1,000 pcm**
Extended three bedroom house in this popular village with an enclosed garden and off road parking. EPC:D



Ely **£1,100 pcm**
Modern four bedroom(1 en-suite) detached house with an enclosed garden, driveway and garage. EPC:C



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Following a day at sea, the Norwegian odyssey begins with the call in Bergen, where there's the chance to stroll through the ancient Bryggen area and perhaps take in the view from the summit of 'Mount' Fløyen. A rare call at the 'City of Jazz', Molde, on exquisite Romsdalfjord, is followed by another in Åndalsnes, with the chance to explore the pristine interior on a shore excursion. Idyllic Hellesylt and Geiranger, in their stunning locations, and a call in remote Eidfjord, in the further reaches of Hardangerfjord, ensure the enjoyment of this special cruise.

Our price includes

- Cruise the length of stunning Hardangerfjord over 100km into the Norwegian interior, calling at Eidfjord
- Flåm lies at the head of mighty Sognefjord
- Hellesylt and Geiranger are beguiling fjordland villages
- Visit Bergen, ancient trading city and 'Gateway to the Fjords'
- Traditional British & International cuisine, stylish entertainment, guest lecturers & on-board leisure facilities
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Sailing from Tilbury on board Magellan, departing 31 May 2016

This 'Blue Riband' Round Britain sailing adds historic Belfast and rugged Orkney capital Kirkwall to the hugely popular itinerary that includes island calls in Lewis, and pretty Tobermory, Mull, the Scillies and Brittany's St Malo, as well as Highland gateway Invergordon, Irish capital Dublin, Cork gateway Cobh and Honfleur.

Circumnavigate our 'Sceptred Isle' in style, making the most of Magellan's wonderful range of on-board amenities, and taking the opportunities to step ashore to explore, either under your own steam, or more likely on an optional escorted shore excursion. From the Highlands' scenic glories to the islands' ancient treasures, from vibrant Belfast and the wondrous Emerald Isle, then on to St Malo and finally to the Impressionists' retreat at the mouth of the Seine, this is a wonderful cruise, staying 'close to home', yet packed with unforgettable sights and moments to treasure.

Our price includes

- Call at Invergordon and rugged Orkney capital Kirkwall
- Explore remote Stornoway
- Mull's pretty Tobermory
- See the Titanic Quarter in Belfast
- Dublin is the world's friendliest capital
- Cobh is gateway to Cork and Ireland's beautiful southwest
- The stunning Isles of Scilly
- St Malo is gateway to the Breton countryside
- Discover Honfleur, in Normandy
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Following calls in colourful Amsterdam and British outpost Gibraltar, beneath its mighty Rock, it's 'sunshine all the way' as Magellan heads first to volcanic Lanzarote, then on to Tenerife and Gran Canaria, contrasting Canary islands bathed in warmth and light, and offering some wonderful opportunities to step ashore and explore on some fascinating excursions. Glorious Madeira is next, with the chance to discover its flower-strewn capital Funchal, with its world-renowned Botanical Gardens and its sub-tropical surroundings, before your ship turns for home once more and the cruise is completed with a call in Lisbon, the historic Portuguese 'Gateway to the New World'.

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- Arrecife is Lanzarote's colourful capital
- The Canary Isle of Tenerife boasts the 'whole world in one day'
- Christopher Columbus was a regular visitor to Las Palmas
- Spend an unforgettable day in the floral paradise of Funchal, Madeira
- Call at historic Lisbon
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ROUND UP

● Dazzling performance storyteller, Xanthe Gresham Knight and virtuoso Kurdish Iranian musician, Arash Moradi are coming together for a wonderfully unique show.

The Shahnameh: The Epic Book of Kings presents a hand-picked selection of stories drawn from the 1000-year-old Iranian literary masterpiece, *Shahnameh*, alongside a beautifully-crafted musical soundscape, to create an enchanting performance that dives into the majestic mythology of Persia. This is storytelling at its most awe-inspiring, two unique artists bringing energy, poetry and humour to an iconic book. If you love mythology, music and a cracking story, we suggest you get involved.

The Shahnameh: The Epic Book of Kings, Cambridge Junction, Saturday, January 30 at 7.30pm. Tickets £10-£13 from (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk

● FANCY a laugh? The Duke is a new live comedy show by BBC award-winning writer Shon Dale Jones, about fixing a script, the world and a porcelain figure – intriguing, eh? Created by Cambridge-based theatre company, Hoipolloi, the great news is it's completely free! It's happening Tuesday, February 2 at CB2 Bisto, Wednesday, February 3 and Thursday, February 4 at the Salvation Army on Mill Road, and Friday, February 5 at Aid & Abet, ELAN Studio, Mill Park. All performances kick off at 7.30pm, reserve your tickets by emailing theduke.hoipolloi@gmail.com.

● BRIGHTEN up your Thursday night with a trip to Cambridge Arts Picturehouse for the January Reel Woman event. A monthly short film night promoting the awesome work of female filmmakers, every month there's a different theme – and tonight it'll be a celebration of comedy. It starts at 9pm and is free. See facebook.com/Reel-Women for more information.

MUSIC

A whisper at Tattersalls...



Dowsing Sound Collective, Tattersalls' Sale Ring Newmarket, Saturday, January 30, 7.45pm. Tickets £18.50 plus booking fee from bit.ly/thedsc-whisper.

THE immersive sound collective formed in Cambridge, Dowsing Sound, makes its Newmarket debut this weekend.

The collective, made up from both first-time and experienced singers, professional and semi-professional musicians, is performing at the impressive Tattersalls' Sale Ring, with a gig – called 'Whisper' – full of haunting and beautiful tracks from their usual eclectic range of artists (Benjamin Clemantine, Kate Bush, Fleetwood

Mac, First Aid Kit...). In another first, they will be performing 'in the round', with the audience wrapped around the performers.

Intimate, daring and wonderfully harmonic, this should be quite something to behold (and to hear). A whisper worth shouting about.

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ELYSIAN WINTER BEER FESTIVAL 2016



Elysian Winter Beer Festival at The Maltings on Friday and Saturday, January 29 and 30. Visit ely-camra.org.uk.

Winter Beer Festival

REAL ale lovers will be in their element in Ely this week.

The annual Elysian Winter Beer Festival is returning to The Maltings, in Ship Lane – and as ever people from far and wide are expected to attend.

The festival, now in its seventh year, is organised by the Ely and District Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) branch, and it is being held this Friday and Saturday.

Phil Bambrick, organiser of the festival, said: "We will have in the region of over 70 ales and 20 ciders available, and hot food will be served."

"We will also have a joint brewery

bar, hosted by Bexar County, Abstract Jungle and our local brewery, Three Blind Mice.

"Other local breweries attending will be Cambridge Moonshine, Milton, Buntingford, Mile Tree, Xtreme Ales, Lord Conrads, Two Rivers and hopefully Calverleys and Son Of Sid.

"We will have our fast track entrance in place.

"If you are not a CAMRA member then the fast track price will be £15.

"For this you will receive admission, a £10 beer token and a refundable festival glass (£3).

"CAMRA members' price is £10.

'We will have in the region of over 70 ales and 20 ciders available..'

"For this you will receive admission, a £7 beer token and a refundable festival glass (£3)."

As ever, local charities will benefit from the festival's proceeds and this year's beneficiaries are the children's ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital and EARTH, the Ely-based charity which works with people with additional needs.

The festival will be open from 10.30am-10pm on Friday and 10.30am-8pm on Saturday.

To find out more or to volunteer at the festival, call Phil on 07710 904812 or visit ely-camra.org.uk.

CLOSER TO HOME

● IRISH singer Frank McCaffrey is coming to Soham. Frank, who has played in numerous bands since an early age, including The Beatminstrels, Margo and the Country Folk, and Band of Gold, is performing at The Brook on Sunday, January 31. He has been a solo artist since 1983, touring throughout Ireland as well as England, Europe and America. The concert is at 2pm and tickets are £15. Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

● ALICE in Wonderland is being staged in Witchford this week.

The Witchford Amateur Dramatics Society production is at Witchford Village College from Thursday, January 28 through to Saturday, January 30.

Performances are at 7.30pm each evening, plus there is a 2.30pm matinee performance on the Saturday.

Tickets, priced at £8 for adults and £5 for under 16's, are available from Witchford Post Office or at ticketsource.co.uk. Alternatively, call (01353) 668892.

● ROBERT Davies is hosting a tea dance in Prickwillow on Sunday, January 31.

The event is at the Hiam Sports and Social Club from 2-5pm. Call (01353) 688269 or visit hiam.org.uk.

● 2014 Hungarian drama film, White God, is being screened in Ely on Friday, January 29.

The Babylon Film Club screening is at the Babylon Gallery at 7pm. New members are welcome. Email allisonmorris265@btinternet.com.

● SOHAM Young Farmers' Club are holding a charity Ceilidh dance and hog roast on Saturday, January 30.

The event is at the Hiam Sports and Social Club in Prickwillow from 7.30pm-12.30am and tickets are £20. Funds raised go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Call 07920 146952 or 07899 006777.

● CLASSIC comedy, Educating Rita, is being staged in Soham next month.

The award-winning Viva Theatre Company production is at The Brook on Thursday, February 11 to Saturday, February 13. The show is at 7pm each night and tickets are £10. Call (01353) 722 228. Alternatively, go to wegotickets.com or viva-group.org.uk.

● TALENTED photographer Helena g Anderson is exhibiting her work in Ely.

Helena's exhibition is at Ely's Babylon Gallery until Sunday, January 31. There is also a 'meet the artist' event at the gallery on Saturday, January 30 from 12-4pm. The exhibition is open from 12-4pm and entry is free. To find out more, go to babylonarts.

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Citroen DS 3 is used diesel car of year

CITROEN DS 3:
Used diesel star

JUST days after the announcement that 2015 was another great year for new car registrations, *Diesel Car* magazine is shifting the focus onto the used car market as it announces the winners in the annual *Diesel Car Used Car of the Year Awards 2016*.

Second hand editions of every car sold in the UK were carefully examined, with winners announced in eight key categories. Expert judges assessed each car for all-round ability, value for money, fitness for purpose, as well as affordability, and came up with a shortlist of 16 vehicles that deliver a winning formula for used car buyers. But with only one winner possible, the used car gurus crowned the Citroen DS 3 as the best buy for 2016.

The DS 3 also knocked the Ford Fiesta into second place in the small car category, while Ford's Focus grabbed

the top spot in the medium car category, beating the Audi A3. BMW's 3 Series won the accolade of best large car, with the Skoda Yeti awarded the title of *Diesel Car* best crossover for 2016.

Ford's Mondeo ran away with the honours in the estate car category, narrowly beating the Jaguar XF Sportbrake, and Honda's CR-V won the best 4x4 category.

In the performance car category, the Skoda Octavia vRS accelerated ahead of its sister car, the Volkswagen Golf GTD, securing first place, while in the best Eco Car category, the long-running Toyota Prius grabbed the green gong.

In announcing the winners, *Diesel Car* editor Ian Robertson said: "This year's winner is the DS 3. It's got the looks, the handling and it's cheap to run, while the DS 3's fresh face stands out from the used car crowd."

Diesel Car, Used Car of the Year Awards 2016

Best small car	DS 3
Runner up	Ford Fiesta
Best medium car	Ford Focus
Runner up	Audi A3
Best large car	BMW 3
Series	
Runner up	Skoda
Superb	
Best crossover	Skoda Yeti
Runner up	Range Rover
Evoque	
Best estate car	Ford
Mondeo	
Runner up	Jaguar XF
Sportbrake	
Best 4x4	Honda CR-V
Runner up	BMW X5
Best performance car	
Skoda Octavia vRS	
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Used car of the year	DS 3

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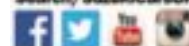
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Wheels

New Mini Clubman ALL4 is first AWD vehicle in C segment



EXCITEMENT: The all-new Mini Clubman ALL4

MINI is today launching the all new Mini Clubman ALL4 – the brand's first all-wheel drive model in the C-segment. This launch marks the Mini brand's further advance into the premium compact segment and represents the first ALL4 model to be built at Mini Plant Oxford.

Mini's ALL4 all-wheel drive system, which has previously only been offered on Mini Countryman models, has been specially redeveloped to ensure sportier handling and improved versatility to further enhance the practicality of the new Mini Clubman.

Mini Clubman was launched in October 2015 and is notable as Mini's first vehicle in the competitive C-segment. Now, the brand is offering

something new to the market in the form of Clubman ALL4. Available with two of the latest Mini engines, the Mini Cooper S Clubman ALL4 and the Mini Cooper SD Clubman ALL4.

The 2.0-litre 4-cylinder petrol engine with Mini TwinPower Turbo Technology is the latest example of Mini's engine technology. Offering 192bhp, the new Mini Cooper S Clubman ALL4 is combined with a 6-speed manual transmission as standard, and optionally with an 8-speed Steptronic transmission. It achieves fuel consumption of 40.9mpg with the manual transmission (44.8mpg for automatic transmission) and has CO2 emissions of 159g/km (146g/km).

The new Mini Cooper SD

Clubman ALL4 features a 190bhp diesel engine with 400 NM of torque which is paired with the brand's capable 8-speed Steptronic transmission as standard. Fuel consumption on the combined cycle is 58.9mpg with CO2 emissions of 126g/km.

The new Mini Clubman ALL4 includes an exceptionally high specification, with the brand's highly acclaimed navigation system standard on all models. Furthermore, every Mini Clubman ALL4 also benefits from the Mini Excitement Package as standard.

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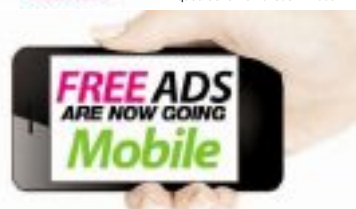
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ATHLETICS



RUNNING HARD: Action from the Cross-Country Championships

Athletes shine at county championships

YOUNG athletes excelled at the annual Cambridgeshire Schools Cross-Country Championships at King's School, Ely.

Just under 400 athletes took part, with the top 12 runners in each category qualifying to represent Cambridgeshire in the

Anglian Schools Cross-Country Championships.

The largest ever contingent of King's Ely students, 45 in total, represented the Isle of Ely District alongside pupils from five other schools in this district.

King's Ely Year 10 pupil

Rebecca Daniel was the district's best performer. She completed the course in second place in the intermediate girls' event where she was up against mostly Year 11 runners.

She qualified for the Anglian Schools team along with fellow King's Ely

runners Molly Jones, George Clift and Claudia Law.

Organisers of the event were grateful to Will Temple and his grounds team, for preparing the course and Ben Edmondson and the games department for helping the races run smoothly.

BOXING

Goodjohn ready for English title contest

THE opportunity to fight for the English welterweight title may have come sooner than expected for Tyler Goodjohn.

But in only his second contest since moving up to the division, the Wentworth hitter is excited at the prospect of taking on Johnny Garton for the belt at London's York Hall on March 19.

He won the corresponding strap at light-welter in 2014 and is keen to make an early impression at the higher weight.

Goodjohn, 24, who beat Ivo Gogosevic at the same venue on his step up last month, said: "I thought I'd have to go down the Southern Area (title) route, but it shows how much weight my name carries to have one fight at welterweight and then go straight for the English."

"I'm fighting the guy who was the mandatory (challenger) for it, but then to get picked in front of a packed division for a shot is exciting."

Goodjohn (pictured) admitted he was glad the chance of a big title bout had come along though, after doubting his motivation following his win over Gogosevic.

He said: "I was expected to win and I found it very hard to get up for that last fight."

"Although I won, I didn't really get the buzz for it and if I'm completely honest, I was saying to my family 'this is going to be my last fight'."

"I've spoken to footballers who have played at a high level and they've said they've found it hard to get up for a game where you're expected to win and walk over people, but they're the fights or games you can slip up in."

"I knew it was going to take a really big fight to get it back and luckily I've

now got a shot for the English title. It's almost like it was meant to happen."

London fighter Garton, 28, has lost just one of his 18 contests and is a former Southern Area champion.

Goodjohn said: "It's going to be a tough fight for me." Meanwhile, Riley Smith will go over familiar ground in his bid for victory at the Eastern Counties Youth Championships in Colchester tomorrow.

The Haddenham & Ely fighter comes up against Jake Sumner in the under-69kg final, having already beaten the Sudbury puncher in the NABC Championships earlier this season.

Smith will feel confident of repeating the feat and moving into the English Championships quarter-finals next month.



TABLE TENNIS



AT THE TOP TABLE: The competitors at Ely's Winter Tournament

Abram leads way in singles

NEIL Abram and Simon Braschi collected silverware at Ely Table Tennis Club's third annual Winter Tournament.

Abram was the worthy winner of the handicap singles event, seeing off invited guest Michael Klein, taking a keenly-contested final game 31-29.

A doubles event followed after lunch, with Rob Pownall and Howard Middleton overcoming Braschi and Klein.

Abram picked up the John Dyal Commemorative Handicap Singles Trophy, while Braschi took home the Andrew Maguire Player of the Tournament.

Club chairman Middleton said: "This again was a super event. Special praise goes to Rob Pownall for organising the handicaps and schedules, and to Karen Byford for providing the excellent food."

Bates guides Fulbourn home

NIGEL Bates played a big part as Fulbourn II emerged 7-3 victors against Ellesmere I in Ely & District League, Division One.

His three wins were added to by Phil Hague and Peter Xie, who both registered two successes.

For the losing team, Rhys Davies featured in all three wins as he triumphed in two singles contests and took the doubles with Joanne Pettitt over Xie and Bates.

There were maximums for Ivaylo Kostadinov and Martin Freeland bagged maximums as a strong Soham eased to victory over Soham Comrades.

The Comrades' only win came from Mark Lillyman, who was able to see off a good comeback from Helen Arnold.

In Division Two, Countess had to settle for a draw with Ellesmere II having been 3-1 up at one stage.

Brian Mitchell led the way for Countess with three wins and there was one from Steve Foulger.

And they then teamed up to take the doubles.

The Ellesmere points were secured by Aldo Galea and David Wiseman, who both

won a couple of singles, along with Annette Ginn.

Fulbourn III had too much power for Impington II in their clash.

The Imps' trio of Michael Klein, Mike Johnston and Anne Chambers did have success against Rob Powell, who battled hard as he played up from a lower league for Fulbourn.

But that was as good as it got for them, with Tony Comiskey and Danny Bates clearing the rest of the board for Fulbourn with their top-spin defence and forehand loops respectively.

In Division Three, Ellesmere III claimed a draw with Comrades III thanks to Simon Johnson's maximum and two wins for Thomas Pizey, with the Rules - Chris, Melissa and Nicky - getting the opposition's points.

Comrades IV suffered badly after only taking two players to Burwell, where they went down 8-2.

Pete Claringbold and Edward Garrett-Jones did get the better of Michel Scarff.

But Burwell's Antony Taylor Gutierrez and Ivan Stiff scored maximums to control proceedings.

KORFBALL

Lions roar against Phoenix

ANITA Rakauskaite scored five goals as Littleport Lions II triumphed 12-5 over Cambridge Phoenix III in their first home match of the year.

The Lions built some momentum as the first half wore on and had a four-goal lead at the break.

And they pulled further clear in the second period thanks to excellent

performances at both ends of the court.

Adding to Rakauskaite's efforts were Lucy Lloyd, Alex Andrews and Jack Barry, who all netted twice, and Danny Mathie.

Lions coach Laura Neaves said: "A tireless defensive effort and great teamwork in attack were the winning factors in the game."

ELY SPORT

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Falkner and Brett on top of the world

Bowls

ELLEN Falkner and Nicky Brett have won their respective singles titles at the Just Retirement World Indoor Championships.

City of Ely player Falkner completed a hat-trick of women's singles crowns with a close-fought 10-9, 8-7 victory over Rebecca Field in the final at Hopton on Sea.

It ends a decade-long wait for Falkner to be crowned world champion once more, having previously taken the honours in 2005 and 2006.

Against her fellow England international, she raced into an early 3-0 lead in the opening set only for Field to claim a full house of four shots in the fifth end to go 6-3 up.

But with the 2013 champion leading 7-5 after eight ends, Falkner produced a maximum to send the set 9-7 in her favour and despite a determined fightback from Field, she held on to take the set.

Field looked to respond in the second set and took a 3-0 advantage, and even as Falkner kept trying to come back, the former was 7-5 ahead after nine ends.

However, Falkner made things level going into the final end and held on to a single shot to secure the title.

She said: "Rebecca played incredibly well and she put me under a lot of pressure.

"It was the conversion bowls that were the difference, but what a great spectacle of bowls it was and I'm just glad we both performed well in the final.

"There's obviously a lot of



pressure and expectation, but we both came in with the attitude that what will be, will be and just go out and perform your best and try to give a great game. I think we managed to do that."

Meanwhile, world No 1 Brett, who beat Ely's Greg Harlow 9-4, 6-6 in the quarter-finals, went on to win the open singles for the first time following a 9-9, 12-9 victory over Robert Paxton in the final.

He said: "It's absolutely first class to do this in front of family and friends.

"I can't thank them enough for coming along.

"The crowd have been great to me. I was struggling a bit (in the 6-7, 7-6, 2-0 semi-final win against David Gourlay), but they pulled me through."

"You try to look for momentum in the final. It may not have been epic. All in all, I just managed to do enough when I needed it."



CHAMPIONS: Ellen Falkner (above) and Nicky Brett (above left) celebrate their world titles

The boot of Scott Paul guides Ely Tigers to victory

ELY breathed a sigh of relief as they secured a narrow 11-10 win over Norwich Crusaders in Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

The Tigers had to do a containing job in the early stages as Crusaders took the game to them, but after 15 minutes, Ely started to turn the tide.

They were putting the pressure on the hosts, and that brought its rewards as Crusaders were penalised

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for offside, allowing Joel Scott Paul the chance to land a penalty.

Man-of-the-match Harry Rogerson broke from a maul and shrugged off an attempted tackle to touch down an unconverted try to increase their lead.

And Ely thought they had got another try before half time, but

after Matt McCarthy broke through a gap in the defence, he knocked on over the line.

It was a messy second half which opened with Scott Paul adding another penalty for Ely after Crusaders had again been penalised for offside.

The match became a battle in the last 15 minutes, with the Crusaders scrum-half landing a drop goal

under a penalty advantage.

From the restart, Crusaders won a penalty which they kicked to touch, and they crossed for a converted try from the subsequent catch and drive.

And Crusaders had a chance to win the game in the last play as they had a penalty on the 22 near the touchline, but to Ely's relief, the kick fell short.

Football

Disappointing City knocked out of the cup

ELY City suffered a disappointing exit from the Thurlow Nunn League, First Division Cup, going down 1-0 at home to Stowmarket.

The Robins were below-par for the entire match and after falling behind in the 12th minute, they were unable to find their form to get back into the game.

They did force the Stowmarket keeper to make three good saves, but the performance lacked the quality manager Brady Stone has come to expect from his players. "It was very disappointing," he said.

"We didn't really turn up. We had chances but I was disappointed in how we played.

"At least now we can just focus on the league."

Robbie Nightingale felt **Soham Town Rangers** were short-changed by a controversial decision not to award a penalty in stoppage time as the Greens suffered a 2-1 loss at AFC Hornchurch in the Ryman League, North Division.

The defeat was hard to take, not least because the Greens had dominated for large periods of the match and created several good chances to score.

But the officials' decision not to award a spot kick after Salim Relizani appeared to be held back made it even worse.

"I don't like to moan," said joint-manager Nightingale.

"But I thought the referee got it completely wrong. There's no reason for Salim to fall over on his own.

"He was through on goal. We were looking from behind and you could see the (Hornchurch player's) arm pull him back."

As it was, play was waved on and Rangers went on to lose.

Hornchurch took the lead early in the first half with a deflected shot but from then on Rangers controlled possession.

After a slow start to the second half, during which the hosts added a second, Soham found their form and again took control.

Craig Hammond gave them hope with his first goal for the club in the 70th minute.

But despite their continued dominance, Soham was unable to get the second goal their efforts deserved, and Hornchurch held on for victory.

Nightingale, who also confirmed that Ben Sawyer has left the club, added: "It was a really good team performance that deserved more."

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